GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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COMPENSATORY AFFORESTATION FUND
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Himachal Pradesh has remitted Rs. 202.00 crore with the Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government has released the funds to the State under the said Scheme;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the time by which the fund is likely to be released?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) to (f) The State Government of Himachal Pradesh has deposited an amount of about Rs. 366.77 crores as on 30.06.2009 in Ad-hoc Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA) as per the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India for Compensatory Afforestation (CA), Additional Compensatory Afforestation (ACA), Penal Compensatory Afforestation (PCA), Catchment Area Treatment (CAT) Plan, Protected Areas (PAs) and Net Present Value (NPV) arising out of diversion of forest areas for non-forest purposes under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.However,the Hon'ble Supreme Court did not authorize Ad-hoc CAMPA to disburse money to the States/UTs.The Ministry is approaching the Hon'ble Supreme Court, as per the order dated 25.02.2009, with the details of Annual Plan of Operations (APOs) prepared by States/UTs including Himachal Pradesh seeking authorization to release money in phases as per APOs.